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IN RE APPLICATION OF

EXAMINER: Gregory E. Webb

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Sir:

The Office Action of July 6, 2003 has a shortened statutory time set to expire on June 6, 2003. A two-month extension is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a).

Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis in the amount of \$410 for payment of the extension fee. An additional copy of this paper is here enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR §1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis.

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